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*Abingdon's Delegation to the 2010 All-America City Awards in Kansas City, Missouri*

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# FROM THE UPPER DECK



As we get into the heat of summer and start to see many of the Town's new capital improvement projects start to take shape, it is important to note that some projects that happen around town each year are things that the public may not see or get too much information about. One such project happened over the course of the month of June. As most everyone knows, the Town has always been blessed with our rich cultural heritage, our cutting edge technology and our grand recreational amenities. However, these three things were recently brought to the national forefront as we became one of 26 localities to be selected from well over 500 other localities nationwide to participate in the All-America City Awards in Kansas City, Missouri. These awards are presented each year by the National Civic League and are the highest awards given, to a locality for civic achievement.

When we were asked to participate in the awards competition, we knew that we needed not only for the town troops (staff) to step up to the plate in a big way but we also needed the full support of our community, not only in spirit and participation but also in terms of financial support. The way that the Abingdon community came together collectively to support our pursuit of this award was in my mind as impressive as the award itself. While we did not win an actual award, we did win in a big way when it came to community spirit and loyalty for our town. Everyone from major regional corporations to school children, educators, actors and volunteers united in our extraordinary experience. This was a project that the public won't see any bricks or mortar from, but believe me when I say that the backbone and foundation of the Town of Abingdon that I witnessed firsthand in preparing for and participating in the Kansas City All-America City awards was as rock solid as any of the best bricks and mortar projects.

With that said, many thanks to all of the participants and sponsors noted on page 9. It is in large part because of your community support that we still are and always will be "Americas Dream Town." Ordinary municipal projects will be here one day and gone the next, but the 2010 All America Cities competition in Kansas City will last a lifetime and will forever demonstrate that community spirit and synergy is alive and well in Abingdon. Bless all of you who participated in any way, whether in thought, word or deed. Your efforts did not go unnoticed.

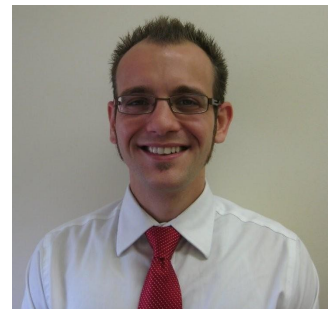
Until next time, keep your civic pride alive!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rug".

~Izik Crispin~

Meet Izik Crispin, Intern! Izik is a Senior at Emory & Henry College, majoring in Political Science and Economics. Izik is interning in the Town Manager's Office and the Planning Department for credit toward graduation in December. Born and raised in California, Izik graduated in 2004 from Daniel Boone High School in Gray, TN. After graduating from DBHS, he moved to Southwest Virginia where he still lives.



Izik is a founding member and former President of the E&H Libertarians and formerly a Student Senator and Chair of E&H's Senate Rules Committee. Last spring, he stood as a Candidate for Student Body President. For his internship project, Izik has been developing an Internship Program Packet for anyone interested in being an intern with the Town. He has also helped rewrite by-laws to be proposed for various Town Boards and Committees. Izik says his experience with the Town has been exciting and educational, exposing him to experiences he never imagined he'd have in local government. He says it has proven to him how efficient local governments are. He hopes to work in local government after graduation and eventually attend Graduate School for Public Administration.

## ~ PATSY OWENS ~



Patsy has been employed with the Town of Abingdon since May 1981, initially employed as Secretary in the Police Department, later transferring as Secretary to the Public Works and Building Inspection Departments. She is presently Administrative Assistant in the Planning Department and serves in the same capacity to the Public Works Department, as needed. Her primary duties include the transcription of minutes for the meetings of the Board of Architectural Review, Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission (a very important and sensitive task) and all other duties as assigned.

Patsy was born in Washington County, Virginia, attended Wallace Elementary School and graduated from John S. Battle High School, class of 1961. She is a graduate of Bristol Commercial Business College, having completed the Secretarial and Stenographic courses.

Patsy and her husband Larry have now been married 46 years. While Larry was serving with the U.S. Army near Heidelberg, Germany, Patsy was employed with the Personnel Division of Special Services, Headquarters USAEUR in Heidelberg. They have three children, Terry, Susan and Keith and three grandchildren, Dean, Kelsey and Katie.

In her spare time, Patsy enjoys cooking, sewing, working in her flower garden, camping and especially spending time with her grandchildren. Patsy is thankful to the Town for having been allowed the opportunity to have served the public in her capacity; having witnessed so many of the great accomplishments the Town has made over the past 29 plus years.

## ~ JENNIFER JOHNSON ~

Jennifer was born in Tazewell County and grew up in the Southwest Virginia. After graduating high school, she attended Bluefield College, receiving a Bachelor of Science focusing in Sports Medicine in May 1996. Upon graduation, Jennifer went on to work in a Physical Therapy Clinic in Southwest Virginia where she assisted patients in Work Rehabilitation Exercise Programming and moved on to work in Northern Virginia. Upon returning to Southwest Virginia, Jennifer began her work in Parks and Recreation as the Town of Tazewell's Director, focusing on expanding adult and youth programming, as well as fitness programming within the town.

In September 2006, Jennifer accepted the Fitness / Wellness Coordinator position with the Town of Abingdon Parks and Recreation Department. Along with coordinating classes for 26 instructors from land, spin bikes, yoga to water classes, she also coordinates monthly wellness luncheons with local healthcare professionals, childcare programming, summer camp, facility and community wellness events, blood drives, and more. Not to mention terrific employee health events!



## ~ GRANT HAMILTON AND JOSH STAMPER ~

There are two new faces at the Muster Grounds, courtesy of the National Park Service! Meet Grant Hamilton and Josh Stamper!

Grant is serving as a Student Conservation Association (SCA) Intern at the Muster Grounds until November where he will assist in interpreting the site to visitors. Born in Columbia, SC in 1987, Grant graduated from the University of South Carolina, Phi Beta Kappa with a BA in Anthropology in 2009. His interests include archaeology and military history and he plans to pursue graduate studies in archaeology.

Josh was born in Smyth County and graduated from Chilhowie High School in 2003. He attended Emory & Henry College and earned a degree in Secondary English Education.

After graduating summa cum laude in 2007, he was hired by Washington County Public Schools. He currently teaches English at John S. Battle High School and loves working with his students. In June of 2010, he was hired by the National Parks Service to fill the newly-created Teacher/Ranger/Teacher (TRT) position at the Muster Grounds. TRTs provide a link between National Park units and teachers and students from Title 1 (30% of students on free or reduced cost lunch) school districts. He looks forward to using this position to bring exciting educational opportunities to the students and teachers of the area.





We bid farewell to a great man after 42 years serving on Abingdon Town Council. He has had many accomplishments over those years and helped the Town prosper in many ways. Tenille Montgomery, Administrative Assistant in the Town Manager's Office, decided to sit down with him and ask a few questions about his experience and the future.

TM: Why did you first decide to run for Town Council?

FM: At the time I was serving on the Planning Commission for the Town and I attended a Council meeting. It seemed that things need to move along faster and meetings at that time were twice a month. My father had been on Council so I told him that I was going to run and he approved. I ran the first time without campaigning and lost so two years later I ran again and I have been on Council for the last 42 years. I was also instrumental in getting the meetings to just be once a month.

TM: Favorite Memory?

FM: My favorite memory was the entire establishment of the Creeper Trail and the progress to get it where it is today.

TM: Favorite Projects?

FM: The Technology Park and the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator also the Southwest Virginia Artisan Center.

TM: What will you do with your spare time?

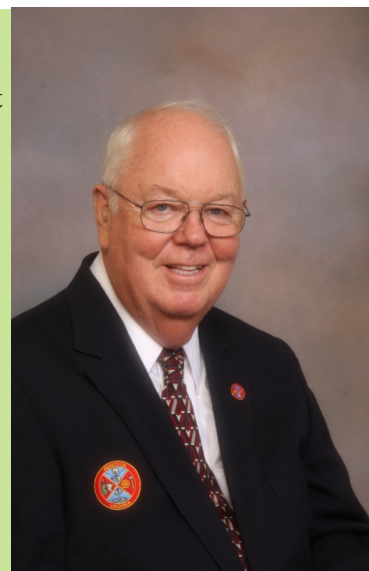
FM: What spare time? I am still involved with the community projects with Kiwanis, the Recreation Commission and the Incubator Board. I will be spending more time with my family and taking vacations with my wife.

TM: What do you want for the future of Abingdon?

FM: I hope that Abingdon continues to make progress, improve its image and keep supporting the community that makes us who we are. I cannot wait to see the finished Artisan Center as well.

TM: Is there anyone you would like to thank?

FM: I would like to thank the Town staff, we have the best staff in the state of Virginia. Thank you to them for everything that they do. Also, Kansas City and the All-America City awards was a great experience, thank you to everyone for all their hard work. We really are an All-America City.



## It's Your World, I'm Just Workin' in It!

Most people work at a job for 20 or 30 years, then retire...not Glen Foster! On April 23, 1965, Glen was hired for the position of solid waste collection truck driver for 11 months. He was then offered a position with the Street Department, driving a truck and performing street maintenance. This job would last almost eight years before he was offered a new position with the Town.

In the 1980's the Wastewater Department was created and Glen was offered the position of Superintendent of Sewer Collections. Now after **45 years** with the Town and various jobs, Glen's responsibilities include overseeing sewer maintenance, new development and sewer pump stations. Now, if we can only figure out how to download all of the sewer line locations in his head!

Glen owns his own commercial cleaning service. He has two sons, one daughter and four grandchildren. Glen has truly given much of his life to being a public servant to the Town of Abingdon and we would like to thank him for all his hard work, years of service and dedication.





## To the best of my ability...

**On May 4th, Town voters filled three available Council seats by electing a new member to Town Council, a former member back to the Council and re-electing an incumbent!**

**Mr. Rick Humphreys, Mr. Bob Howard and Ms. Cathy Lowe were sworn into office in June by the Hon. Eliza McClanahan, Judge on the Court of Appeals of Virginia and a Town of Abingdon resident. We look forward to the energy and leadership each will bring to the Council!**



## Abingdon Says 'ALOHA' to Summer!

On Friday, June 11, 2010, the Coomes Recreation Center hosted their annual Luau, adding the Summer Vacation Kick Off to celebrate the last day of school in Washington County. What a day it turned out to be; we had over 600 visitors!!! The heat brought families and friends out for free swim beginning at 10 am. Grant Smiley, with Midnight Express, provided DJ entertainment just in time for the kids arriving from school, adding the latest music to the mix. Summer Day Camp counselors hosted an information / snack table while providing games for kids of all ages throughout the day. To end the event, Hula Carolina, an Authentic Polynesian group, provided lei greeting, and pictures, along with Hawai'i an music and dance. The audience had several opportunities to participate and learn an authentic Tahitian Dance as well as the Hula Dance.

We would like to extend an extra thanks to all who made the event a success. The aquatics staff for providing excellent and professional services throughout the event, the support staff who assisted in getting the grounds and stage area ready for guests, Tim and Darlene Dye for providing wonderful food, and our sponsors at Snack Alliance for providing free snack chips for our community. If you happened to miss the Summer Vacation Kick Off and Luau this year, be sure to mark your calendar to join us in 2011. Have an AWESOME summer!!!





## Come Play This Summer at Barter Theatre!

Recently Barter Theatre opened the world premiere of Deborah Brevoort's *The Blue-Sky Boys* and hosted Astronaut Week as a major kick-off celebration of the new work. Winner of the 2009 Appalachian Festival of Plays and Playwrights, *The Blue-Sky Boys* illustrates the true story of how NASA engineers used their imaginations and creativity in a process called "blue-skying" to land a man on the Moon and return him safely.

Astronaut Harrison "Jack" Schmitt, the last person to walk on the Moon, was the main attraction during Astronaut Week, held June 15-19. Schmitt sparked imagination with his space-travel tales, encouraged kids during the rocket-building event and entertained attendees with his great sense of humor.



During the weeklong celebration at Barter Theatre, hundreds of children and adults were welcomed during Astronaut Week, which built excitement surrounding the play. A two part rocket-building and launch event for children, a special presentation, "The Apollo Missions" at Barter Theatre and a golf event held at The Virginian were among the special happenings during Astronaut Week. For four selected performances, special 360° Panels sandwiched the play with discussions lead by Schmitt-, NASA engineers and playwright Deborah Brevoort.

*The Blue-Sky Boys* will run in repertory with *Annie* on Barter Theatre's Main Stage through mid-August.

At Barter Stage II, three plays are currently in repertory; *Violet*, a southern musical, Mitch Albom's *Tuesdays With Morrie*, a beautiful story about living life, and the world premiere, *Revolutions*, an edgy, contemporary play taking a look at a college reunion of three boomers as they question their individual motives during the 60s.

Also this summer The Barter Players presents two plays for children, *My Imaginary Pirate*, through July 17, and *James and the Giant Peach*, July 21 through August 7.

For a complete listing of show times, visit [www.bartertheatre.com](http://www.bartertheatre.com) or call 276.628.3991.

Coming up during the Virginia Highlands Festival, Barter Theatre will present the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Appalachian Festival of Plays and Playwrights (AFPP). Seven plays will be presented as staged readings this year along with a mini-production. The AFPP spotlights the Appalachian region and anyone from the region or who writes about the region is invited to submit a play.

The only festival of its kind in the world, the AFPP has produced countless works in the last 10 years. Many Barter favorites have come from the festival such as Doug Pote's *Keep on the Sunny Side: The Songs and Story of the Carter Family* and Ron Osborne's *First Baptist of Ivy Gap*.

Along with seven staged readings, Kelley Kingston-Strayer's *A Southern Exposure* will be presented as a mini-production. Many times, a mini-production goes on to receive a world premiere at Barter Theatre. Don't miss the first chance to see this funny and touching story about love, sacrifice, and the everlasting bond between a grandmother and her granddaughter. *A Southern Exposure* plays July 27 through August 7 at Barter Stage II.

### 2010 Staged Readings

All staged readings will be held at Barter Stage II. Admission is free. Donations are accepted.

Friday, July 30, 1 p.m.

*Saving Old Smokey* by Ron Osborne

Friday, July 30, 4 p.m.

*The Shade of the Trees* by Kenley Smith

Monday, August 2, 1 p.m.

*The Codgerella* by Mark Cook

Monday, August 2, 4 p.m.

*After Autumn* by Kali Meister

Tuesday, August 3, 1 p.m.

*The Spring Cleaning* by Elizabeth Orndorff

Tuesday, August 3, 4 p.m.

*Elvis Blossom* by Sunny Da Silva

Friday, August 6, 2 p.m.

*The Road to Appomattox* by Catherine Bush

For descriptions on the above plays, visit [www.bartertheatre.com](http://www.bartertheatre.com)



# An All-America City Story

What does it mean to be an All-America City? Several months ago an application was prepared that detailed some of the problems Abingdon faced, and the programs created to deal with these issues. 25 finalists for the All-America City 2010 competition were selected and Abingdon, Virginia was one of them. For several weeks this Summer members of the Town staff, Town Council, Barter Theatre associates, local professionals, and a handful of very energetic kids put together an ensemble to show Abingdon to the rest of the country.

Abingdon was selected as an AAC 2010 finalist on the application points of Preservation of our History and Culture, Abingdon's Entrepreneurial Spirit and Technological Expansions, and the Creation of a Healthier Future. Each section was placed in a creative script written by Richard Rose, Artistic Director of the Barter Theatre, and revised under the direction of Evalyn Baron and Katie Becker of the Barter Theatre, who also headed up the rehearsals and crash-course in theatrical performance for the delegation. Once the script was finalized we had the opportunity to focus on really selling Abingdon to cities that most of us had never visited.

Upon our arrival in Kansas City we found that we were surrounded by fellow Americans who wanted to sell us their cities just as much as we wanted to sell Abingdon. We met some very friendly delegations, like a handful of folks from Scott County, KS, who, looking back, were always around and smiling and having fun. We met great people from Riverside, MO, Bowling Green, KY, Gastonia, NC, and several others. A particular point of interest was that the East Coast was well-represented, with delegations from Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida.

At the Civic Action Fair, Abingdon's booth featured Abingdon's Electric car, three beautiful pull-up banners featuring our nomination points, the Town Hall wolf (whom we named "Boone" and who was spotted at several stops along the highway on route to Kansas City), brochures, books, and crafts which represented our Town, and a congratulatory speech from Congressman Rick Boucher.

When the fair was wrapped up it was time to get back to the grind of preparing for our presentation the following morning. Many cities and towns had already performed, we were next to last on the list. We entered the room chanting "Respect for the past, Faith for the future!", and took our place on stage. Mayor Ed Morgan and Town Manager Greg Kelly opened the show with the explanation of our motto and a brief history of the Town. Garrett Jackson followed up with a historical re-telling of the Mustering of troops in Abingdon, the story that sparked the preservation of the Muster Grounds (History and Culture). Following this presentation was our look at the Entrepreneurial Spirit of Abingdon, bringing to light all of the galleries, studios, museums, craft shops, artisan groups, and technological expansions that the Town has sponsored or created. This section featured a look at Abingdon's use of technology, led by a Mac and PC who seemed very agreeable on Abingdon. The presentation was closed following the third section, Abingdon's Healthier Future, presented by Jennifer Johnson, Carla Griffith, Francine Ivery, and Ann Cunningham addressing the fight against childhood obesity, followed by a demonstration of Zumba by our very energetic and entertaining kids.

The awards ceremony and reception took place later that night and the ten winners were announced. We were disappointed that we didn't win one of the 10 slots for this year, but have not lose heart. Abingdon has a wonderful history, a bright future, and an undeniable spirit of community to bridge the two. With the support of the community we can continue to work for the citizens of Abingdon by creating and implementing new programs and continue to be a town that embodies the spirit of the All-America City Award.



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## Local Students Discover Science in Local Government!

The Glade Spring Middle School Science Club toured the Wolf Creek Water Reclamation Facility (WCWRF) on Tuesday, June 8, 2010. The teacher, Ms. Cindy Jackson, brought the group to the plant to learn

about wastewater, water conservation and to collect and study insects along the banks of Wolf Creek as part of a service day at their school.

WCWRF Staff, Dan Callahan and Sarita Moore guided the group to the stream where Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality personnel, Ed Cumbo and Chip Sparks, had graciously rearranged their schedule to be onsite and assist the group with the stream survey and collected various aquatic insects for the kids to observe. Most of the insects were macro invertebrates and in the larvae stage. Specimens ranged from crayfish to mayflies. The kids learned about the anatomy and habitat of each, stream quality, stream testing and how human actions, such as polluting the stream with pesticides and oil, can affect the mortality of the insects. The knowledge the DEQ provided was invaluable and greatly appreciated.

After a short lunch, the Science Club was treated to a video explaining how a wastewater treatment plant operates. Facility Manager, Michael Maiden, answered some questions and then guided the kids on a tour of the facility. They were able to see everything from the head-works (entry point of sewage) and primary clarifiers to the sludge treatment and UV disinfection areas. The kids enjoyed the tour but some thought it was a little smelly! As one youngster suggested, "we should have waited and had lunch after the tour"!

At the end of the day, the group was treated to free backpacks and information packets which made them very happy! The WCWRF Staff enjoyed the day and looks forward to the next group that wants to tour the plant and learn about wastewater. If you are interested in visiting the Wolf Creek WRF, please contact Sarita Moore at 276-628-4321 to schedule a tour.



Abingdon and the surrounding area is one of the most beautiful and scenic areas in the country. One of the things that makes Abingdon so special is its abundance and diversity of trees. So many different species, so many different sizes, so many colors, so much to admire and appreciate and maybe we take it all for granted. An archaic and mutilating practice is common place here, called 'topping'. For this article, tree topping is defined as the practice of cutting back large branches that leave exposed stubs with very few, if any, branches with terminal buds. It is an expensive, ugly, and dangerous practice that leaves the tree permanently damaged and can greatly shorten the tree's lifespan.

What is important to understand is that trees do not heal from wounds like humans and other animals are able to do. When wounded, trees try to create a chemical barrier around the wound, isolate it, and grow around the wound. The wound will always be there but the tree tries to grow fresh wood around it. When a tree is topped, the large stubs are not able to create that chemical barrier which allows decay, insects, and disease to invade the wound.

In many instances, the stub will die back to another branch and even if dormant buds on the stub produce hundreds of "sucker sprouts", the wound is still there and over time, the stub will structurally weaken creating a dangerous situation for anything that lies below. This becomes even more dangerous during times of high wind, snow, or ice when additional load and stress is added to an already weakened condition.

So, how does this condition, that so many have thought to be "the right thing to do" for so long, get corrected? The first thing is to educate you, the general public. If you have a tree that needs trimming, make sure the tree is trimmed according to National Arboricultural Association standards. **If your trimmer doesn't know what this is, get someone who does.** Also, if you're looking to plant a tree, make sure you **put the right tree in the right place.** Find out how large the tree will get at maturity. A large growing tree planted too close to your house or power lines will only bring heart ache in the future. **A tree that has sufficient room to grow both above and below ground provide us with shade, a home for many animals, act as an air filter, enhance our property values and is able to reduce our energy demands. Topping does none of that.** We need to know how to protect our trees as they help make our community a better place to live. Education is the way to do that!

-Brought to you by the Abingdon Tree Commission

**Don't forget the second half of  
the 2010 Abingdon Music  
Experience. BE THERE!**

**July 4th**— Coomes Center Celebration and Fireworks

**August 14th**— Beach Party at Latture Field

**September 25th**— Oktoberfest at the Abingdon Market Pavilion

**October 23rd**— Sleepy Hollow

*Information available at  
[www.abingdonva.us](http://www.abingdonva.us)*

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# 2010 Virginia Highlands Festival

*"Piece the Future From the Past"* is the theme for the 2010 Virginia Highlands Festival, to be held July 24 through August 8, in Abingdon. In its 62nd year, the Festival offers 16 days of family entertainment with music, juried fine arts and photography exhibits, a juried arts and crafts show, and an antiques market with vendors from all over the south.

Also enjoy, home and garden tours, a Colonial Trade Faire, a Creative Writing Day with nationally-known writers, and fun events and workshops for the kids. Visual and performing artists, including special performances at the Barter Theatre, will take the stage, and guided tours, nature walks and field trips to our great outdoors, along with workshops, lectures, and more will offer something for everyone.

The festival boasts a wide variety of music from Bluegrass and Traditional Mountain Music to Celtic, Classical, and Gospel. This year we are celebrating the **10th anniversary of Celtic Weekend** with a special Celtic Weekend kick-off concert on Friday, July 30th, featuring Uncle Hamish and the Hooligans starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by Enter the Haggis from Toronto, Canada. **A Street Party, featuring Mustang Sally and Richard Leigh, will be held opening weekend, July 24th from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. and a Street Dance on Friday, August 6th, with the popular beach party band, Phantom, at Depot Square starting at 9:00 p.m.**

## NEW LOCATION!

In prior years, the Arts and Crafts Show has been located on the Barter Green, adjacent to the Martha Washington Hotel. But this year, the Festival is excited to announce **a new location for Arts and Crafts and Music which will be located on Remsburg Drive in downtown Abingdon.** Gary and Susan Kimbrell, Co-Presidents of the 2010 Festival said, "We are very excited about this move. It will provide us with a larger, more accessible area for Arts and Crafts and will put us in a location near the town merchants, which should help them with more visibility".

Working with the Town, the Festival plans to block off Remsburg Drive from the former Starving Artist Café building, winding down the street to the Farmers Market Pavilion, where the street intersects with Cummings Drive. **All the music events, including Celtic Weekend will be held in the Farmers Market Pavilion.** Also, the **Colonial Trade Faire and the Youth Tent will be located at the Fields Penn House** across from the Market Pavilion placing the Festival closer to the Arts Depot for Juried Fine Arts. It's also a short trip to the William King Museum where Photography and Youth Art exhibits will be located. **To make parking easier, you can take the trolleys or buses** from Rose's to Exit 14 off I-81, where the Antiques Market is located at Virginia Highlands Community College, .

We invite you to enjoy the fun this summer in Historic Abingdon, Virginia! Visit [www.vahighlandsfestival.org](http://www.vahighlandsfestival.org) for more information and a complete schedule of events, or call the Festival Office at 276-623-5266.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Town Council Meetings  
First Monday of Each Month  
7:30pm  
Town Hall  
Public Welcome

Board of Architectural Review  
First Wednesday of Each Month  
5:00pm  
Town Hall  
Public Welcome

Board of Zoning Appeals  
Second Tuesday of Each  
Month (if called)  
6:00pm  
Town Hall  
Public Welcome

July 5th- Independence Day  
Observance  
Offices Closed

Sept 6th- Labor Day  
Offices Closed

Planning Commission  
Fourth Monday of Each Month  
5:30pm  
Town Hall  
Public Welcome